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SUBJECT: "TRANSPORTES AEREOS BOLIVIANOS" (TAB)
APPLICATION FOR US OPERATING PERMIT

REF: LA PAZ 2301

1. LT. COL. PEREDO VISITED CAB ON MARCH 22 TO DISCUSS

SUBJECT PERMIT APPLICATION FILED IN JANUARY 1978.
DISCUSSION WITH CAB STAFF FOCUSED ON CAB PROCEDURES
AND REQUIREMENTS.

2. CAB STAFF INDICATED THAT IN PROCESSING APPLICATION
FOLLOWING ISSUES WOULD BE EXAMINED: DEGREE OF
BOLIVIAN RECIPROCITY ACCORDED TO SIMILAR NONSCHEDULED
OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY US AIRLINES TO BOLIVIA;
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OPERATING FITNESS AND ABILITY OF TAB; ECONOMIC VIABILITY
OF PROPOSED SERVICE; WHETHER OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF
AIRLINE IS VESTED IN BOLIVIAN NATIONALS.

3. FIRST STEP IN PERMIT PROCESS IS FOR CAB STAFF TO
PREPARE EVIDENCE REQUEST BEARING ON ABOVE ISSUES. IT
WILL DESCRIBE DOCUMENTS WHICH TAB SHOULD PRESENT

TO CAB. EVIDENCE REQUEST IS NOW BEING PREPARED AND WILL
BE TRANSMITTED TO TAB'S WASHINGTON ATTORNEY IN NEAR
FUTURE.

4. AFTER SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE, CAB WILL DECIDE EITHER
TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS RE APPLICATION OR TO ISSUE SHOW
CAUSE ORDER WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT PERMIT WOULD
BE RECOMMENDED PROVIDED NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIONS
FROM INTERESTED PARTIES ARE RECEIVED WITHIN A STATED
NUMBER OF DAYS.

5. IF CAB DECIDES TO HOLD HEARINGS, AN ADMINISTRATIVE
LAW JUDGE (SIMILAR TO A HEARING EXAMINER) WOULD
SUBSEQUENTLY WRITE A RECOMMENDATION, WHICH TOGETHER
WITH THE BODY OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED DURING THE
HEARINGS, WOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR A SUBSEQUENT
DECISION BY THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CAB. THEIR DECISION
WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. THE ENTIRE
PROCESS COULD BE EXPECTED TO LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

6. IF A SHOW CAUSE ORDER TO ISSUE THE PERMIT IS ADOPTED
IN LIEU OF HEARINGS, AND NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
ARE RECEIVED, THE RESULTING CAB RECOMMENDATION WOULD ALSO
REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL
PERIOD FOR PROCESSING THE APPLICATION WOULD BE REDUCED
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CONSIDERABLY.

7. WITH REGARD TO TAB'S AFFILIATION WITH BAF OR WITH
TAB'S USE OF FMS PURCHASED AIRCRAFT, OUR PRELIMINARY
REVIEW DOES NOT INDICATE THAT THESE FACTORS WILL BE
INSUPERABLE OBSTACLES TO CONDUCTING PROPOSED SERVICES. VANCE

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